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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY LANDING OF RECON PLANE AT YOKOTA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT A U-2 RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT BASED AT OSAN AFB LANDED AT YOKOTA AT ABOUT 2200 DECEMBER 8 LOCAL TIME BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS IN KOREA. WE UNDERSTAND PRESENT SCHEDULE CALLS FOR AIRCRAFT TO DEPART YOKOTA FOR ITS HOME BASE AT ABOUT NOON DECEMBER 9 TOKYO TIME. WE UNDERSTAND FURTHER THAN EMBASSY HAS ALREADY BEEN APPRISED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

2. THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY UNITS IS AUTHORIZED

FOR USE ONLY IN RESPONSE TO NEWS MEDIA QUERIES:

Q.(WHERE PRESENCE OF U-2 AIRCRAFT AT BASE IS NOTED) WAS THERE A U-2 AT YOKOTA AB?

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A. YES.

Q. ARE U-2'S OPERATING FROM YOKOTA?

A. NO. THE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED THERE DUE TO WEATHER.

Q. WHAT IS ITS MISSION?

A. WE DO NOT NORMALLY DISCUSS RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS.

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE U-2?

A. IT IS A RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT THAT CAN FLY AT
SUSTAINED ALTITUDES ABOVE 70,000 FEET; ITS SPEED IS
ABOUT 430 MPH; IT HAS A RANGE OF OVER 3000 MILES. ROBINSON

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